Statement

Percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Index of Pulses over 1 week, 1 month and over 1 year ending 8.7.1995.

(Base 1981-82=100)

Commodity	Percentage Variation (Ending June)		
	Over 1 week 8.7.95	Over 1 month 8.7.95	Over 1 year 8.7.95
	1.7.95	10.6.95	9.7.94
Pulses	+ 1.1	+ 4.9	+ 18.5
(Sub-group)			
Gram	+ 0.2	− 1.2	− 25.0
Arhar	+ 1.4	+ 10.5	+ 60.2
Moong	+ 0.2	+ 4.0	+ 18.5
Masur	+ 4.3	+ 5.4	+ 17.1
Urad	+ 1.7	+ 4.3	+ 53.8

Trade agreement between India and South Africa

27. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3127 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1995 and state the specific proposals covered under the trade agreement to boost the small scale and medium scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Trade Agreement signed by India and South Africa in August, 1994 does not contain specific proposals to boost trade in any specific commodity/sector.

It is primarily for the trade and business organisations of India and South Africa to select items for export and import from each other, depending on their requirements and the competitiveness of the goods. However, it is expected that the probable items of export and import including those produced by small and medium scale industries will be as follows:—

Export from India: Cotton yarn, fabric made-ups leather, readymade garments of cotton including accessories, manmade yarn, fabrics, madeups, machinery & instruments, manufactures of metals, drugs, pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals handicrafts (excluding handmade carpets); readymade garments of manmade fibres, inorganic, organic agro-chemicals, and readymade garments of wool.

Import from South Africa: Iron & Steel, inorganic, organic chemicals, nonferrous metals, metallic ores, phosphate fertilizers, rock phosphate.

Violation of Licensing System by Shriram Industries Enterprises Limited

28. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether action was initiated against Shriram Industries Enterprises Limited (SIEL) for expanding its sugar plant capacity at Mawana without an approved licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are being taken to prevent recurrence of such licensing violations?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A preliminary report has been received and the same is under examination.

(c) The expansion of capacity by a sugar factory without grant of a letter of intent/Industrial licence under the I.D.R. Act, 1951 is punishable under section 24 of the said Act.

Consultative Meetings of Consumer Organisations

29. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to organise consultative meetings of Consumer Organisations with the Ministry of Finance;